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4. Daily Program:

7:30 Reveille; calisthenics  
8:30 Breakfast  
9:00 Flag-raising ceremony  
9:30 Class and discussions  
12:00 Lunch  
13:00 Study and preparation for evening class  
16:00 Tea  
16:30 Evening class and study period  
19:00 Flag-lowering ceremony and supper  
20:00 Discussion period  
23:00 Lights out.

Both the flag-raising and flag-lowering ceremonies were strongly reminiscent of similar ceremonies in the Hitler Youth. As the flag was lowered, the assembly stood stiffly at attention, singing Communist songs, or repeating the oath of the Junge Garde. At the evening ceremony, the group sang songs and carried torches. Otto KUBIN recommended the use of the Hungarian hand salute at such ceremonies, but this suggestion has not yet been adopted.

5. The 5-Day Program:

1st Day: Morning Class - "The World Political Situation" by Franz HAIDER, Landesobmann of the KPÖ for Upper Austria.

Evening Class - "FCÖ Functionaries in the Junge Garde"  
By Otto KUBIN.

2nd Day: Morning Class - "Socialist Upbringing" By Friedl STROBL.

Evening Class - "Junge Garde Pioneer of Merit Badges"  
By Friedl STROBL.

3rd Day: Evening Class - "Organization of Weekend Schooling" and "Transition from Socialism to Communism"  
By Friedl STROBL.

4th Day: Morning Class - "The Cadre and Replacement Problem"  
By Otto KUBIN.

Evening Class - "Work of the Bezirk- and Landesleitung"  
By Otto KUBIN.

5th Day: Evening Class - Preparation for final examination.

6th Day: Morning Class - Final examinations, written and oral.

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II. Summary of Course

The following is a summary of the principal issues covered in the classes conducted by Franz HAIDER, Friedl STROBL, and Otto KUBIN and the discussions which took place each day after the classes.

1. Franz HAIDER, KPOe Landesobmann for Upper Austria, lectured the first day of the course on "The World Political Situation". HAIDER allegedly had just attended an important meeting of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the KPOe. He opened his lecture by pointing out to the students that they should consider themselves the most representative officials of the Communist youth movements in Austria and warned them to keep in strict confidence what they learned during the five-day course. HAIDER said that during the recent discussion of the change in party line at the Politburo of the Central Committee, the KPOe Landesobmann of Salzburg had disparaged the new policy, and was allegedly taken to task by Ernst FISCHER and Friedl FUERNBERG. Although he subsequently agreed to cooperate wholeheartedly, he expressed doubt that the change would benefit the party. HAIDER allegedly added that Johann KOELENIG, FUERNBERG, and two other members of the Central Committee of the KPOe were received by STALIN when they were in Moscow attending the STALIN birthday celebrations, and that KOELENIG and FUERNBERG also visited the Politburo of the CPSU (Communist Party of the Soviet Union). The KPOe was repeatedly criticized by the Politburo of the CPSU for its poor showing in the recent Austrian elections, which they blamed on the failure of the KPOe to follow the CPSU line. HAIDER said that recent war was the beginning of the end of world capitalism, and he prophesied the economic ruin of the United States in the near future and the establishment of Communism throughout Europe. HAIDER described the Communist victory in China as one of the greatest defeats ever suffered by the United States, and said the victory in China would have its effect in Austria at the end of January or during early February, when the Communists would champion a fight for increased wages. He predicted that prices would continue to rise and the purchasing power of the schilling would fall. HAIDER continued his lecture by declaring that the League of Independents (VdU) is a major foe of socialism in Austria, the importance of which has been minimized by the KPOe. HAIDER described the VdU as the battering ram of American imperialism in Austria and asked how the KPOe could enlist the support of the "war generation" in combatting the VdU. He admitted that the VdU had been able to recruit young veterans by appealing to the spirit of comradeship arising from mutual war experience. The KPOe emphasis on pacifism was conceded to be an error and veterans are to be told that they fought bravely and with honor but on the wrong side. HAIDER said the Communists desire peace, but, because of the strong opposition of the imperialists, the KPOe will probably have to wage an armed revolt in Austria. With reference to the future Austrian Army, he stated that the present party line of the KPOe against the establishment of the Austrian Army is to be altered, and Communist youth will be told that armed strength is not an evil unless it is directed against the workers. HAIDER stated that he had used this propaganda on Engelbert MUELLER, a VdU factory councilman in the Voest, Linz, persuaded MUELLER to resign from the VdU, and was recruiting him for the KPOe. In speaking of the economic situation in Austria, HAIDER said that the Marshall Plan is causing prices to rise and the production of consumer goods to be cut. He claimed that America is planning the economic collapse of Austria by artificially creating unemployment which will force Austria to become an imperialist dependency, and the best way the Communists can fight this situation is to increase interest in trade unionism among young party members. Communist influence must be increased in the trade unions through which the Communists will direct a general strike in 1950.

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2. HAIDER warned against the infiltration of Titoism into Austria, especially in Carinthia, and directed that any signs of Titoism are to be reported immediately to the Politburo of the Central Committee in Vienna. He also warned against the infiltration of imperialist agents, mainly divided into two classes:
  - a. Former loyal members of the KPÖ who had been corrupted by greed and ambition. They are especially sought by the Americans as agents in the Peoples' Democracies.
  - b. KPÖ members who are penetration agents. These people eventually betray themselves by attempting to rise too rapidly in the party and by displaying a superior knowledge of Marxism. They can also be identified by a reluctance to become Communist speakers. The Americans are training such agents for penetration into Austria.

HAIDER ended his lecture by stating that an event of great importance for all Communists was the USSR recognition of the Democratic State of Eastern Germany. He said that workers in Western Germany are beginning to recognize the Eastern State as their only hope.

3. During a general discussion period conducted by Otto KUBIN which followed HAIDER's lecture, the following "control questions" were brought up:
  - a. The RAJK Trial and Espionage.
  - b. Victory in China - Its Meaning for Communism.
  - c. The Army Question.
  - d. Youth in the Trade Unions.
  - e. Germany.
4. Although all the students were supposedly required to discuss these subjects in open forum, they merely repeated HAIDER's words, and offered no argument against his opinions. The new KPÖ policy on the Army came as a complete surprise to the students, several of whom had been Socialist "Red Falcon" leaders. In spite of basic opposition to the establishment of an Austrian Army, it was finally agreed that an Army is necessary and that military training of young people is desirable so long as they are not used as tools of reaction.
5. On the subject of youth in the trade unions, KUBIN stated that FOEJ officials in factories are not active because the youth leadership is almost entirely in the hands of the Socialists. He urged all FOEJ members who are workers to become active trade unionists, and said that young workers in trade unions must be won over to the Communists to enable the KPÖ to succeed in Austria. KUBIN said that the campaign during January and February for wage increases must be fully exploited by the Communists. In regard to Germany, KUBIN stated that, in spite of Austrian dislike of Germany, it must be recognized that Socialism in Eastern Germany has made far greater progress than in Austria. The party cadre in Austria has made many mistakes which have retarded the development of Communism in Austria. He said that this summer large numbers of FOEJ officials will be sent to the Pioneer and FDJ camps in Eastern Germany to study the reasons for Socialist progress in Germany.

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6. On the second day, the "Socialist Upbringing" class was conducted by Friedl STROBL, educational specialist of the Bundesleitung of the Junge Garde, who stated that Socialist training is impossible in a capitalist country. Although youth in a capitalistic country can be made to realize the values of Socialism, she said that large-scale youth training is impossible. In a capitalistic country, youth is influenced by the home, public environment, schools, and youth organizations. A good youth worker must be primarily a good Communist and must be able to talk intelligently on politics to the children with whom he is working. This work can be best accomplished in children's camps and in evening club discussions. She impressed on the class that youth work is one of the most important functions of the Communist Party. The "control questions" discussed after this lecture were:

- a. The Meaning of Socialist Upbringing.
- b. Is Socialist Upbringing Possible in Austria Today?
- c. Is it Necessary to be a Pedagogue to be a Good Youth Worker?
- d. What are the Most Important Factors in Development?
- e. Why Must Youth Leaders be FOeJ Officials?
- f. The Difference between the Socialist Red Falcons and the Junge Garde.
- g. How to Win over the Children of Party Members.

7. STROBL admitted that the Red Falcons were in a way a Socialist youth movement but pointed out that their pacifist policy was a serious defect. She said that pacifism has also been a fault of the FOeJ and declared that future emphasis in the FOeJ must be on training children to be class fighters. Although militarism has been denounced by the FOeJ as being alien to Communism, the FOeJ in the future will follow the theory set forth by the Soviet writer, MARSHENKO, in his book "Military Training" that the military spirit inherent in all children should be awakened to prepare them for class war. STROBL stated that a uniform is to be adopted by the Junge Garde, and Otto KUBIN suggested that the children be drilled in military formations.
8. In his lecture on "Work of the Bezirks- and Landesleitung of the FOeJ", Otto KUBIN re-emphasized the importance of youth work, and said that the main task of the Junge Garde is to make children so political-minded that they will automatically become members of the FOeJ and KPÖ. With reference to the organization of the FOeJ and the Junge Garde, Otto KUBIN stated that officials on the Bezirk, Land and Stadt levels will no longer be elected but will be appointed by the next highest level. Candidates for the positions of Bezirksleiter and above will first be approved by the Central Committee.
9. Changes in the party line were a complete surprise to officials at the school. Although ex-members of the Red Falcons appeared to disapprove of the changes, there was no open criticism. The final examination was given on the sixth day and covered the most important points discussed during the course. The results of the examination were, as usual, not disclosed to the students but were forwarded to the Central Committee to become part of the officials' files.

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